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Newhaven.
Annual Report of the Medical Officer of health
Port of Newhaven. Ithaca.
From A. G. Throssop. M.D. H. P. H.
To the Newhaven Port Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen
I am pleased to say that the health
of the crews during the past year has been
good, with only one case of contagious
disease which occurred last Jan'y on the
smack "Bellows". The patient (Bertie Eade)
suffering from scarlatina was immediately
removed to the hospital provided for
Infectious Diseases, and the smack at once
disinfected with Sulphur. I might say that
altho' Sulphur is the most satisfactory means
of disinfection at our disposal it is
unreliable and most uncertain in its results.
There has been no mortality on ship-board.
I have made frequent inspections of vessels
and am very well satisfied on the whole
with the condition of things. I found the
water almost invariably ^{being} good.
Occasionally the sleeping berths used by the
pilots of some of the French vessels were
very dirty, but on my complaining to the

Captains this was rectified

Whilst the cholera was prevalent on the continent the vessels coming into the port were daily visited. Mr. Reeves (the wharf Station-master) kindly let me know each day the hour the ships were expected.

During the summer you fitted out and furnished a hospital for ^{three} ~~these~~ patients and which is capable of accommodating twenty adults. This is certainly a step in the right direction, altho' the hospital has many defects and disadvantages. But there remains much to do. In my letter to you of March 16th 1893 I strongly advised you to provide a steam disinfecter, which is badly wanted and its absence is likely to lead to very serious results, as it is impossible to properly disinfect with the means at present at our disposal.

A mortuary should be also erected and better accommodation provided for nurses.

That you will give these wants your serious consideration and when provided we shall be in much better position to successfully meet an epidemic of Cholera or other disease than we are at present.

Gentlemen. I have the honor to remain

Your obedient servant

Arthur G. Crosson

